



**OPERATIONS RESEARCH SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA
OPERASIONELE NAVORSINGSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF STELLENBOSCH BUSINESS SCHOOL,
BELLVILLE, ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2000**

Present:

F Beichelt	S Berjak	EC Dixon	E du Toit	P du T Fourie
W R Gevers	J Greben	J W Hearne	M F P Harmse	H W Ittmann
K J Koch	T Misi	N Ntene	TJ Stewart	FE van Dyk
N van Greunen	J van Vuuren	G Venter	S Visagie	E Wagenaar

Apologies:

D Evans	P Fatti	P Potgieter	A-M Pothas	Heather Tarr
Rob van den Honert				

1. WELCOME:

Philip Fourie welcomed everyone present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 16 SEPTEMBER 1999

Point 4: ICORD (International Conference for OR in Developing Countries) should read ICORD (International Conference for OR in Development).

The minutes were approved.

Proposer: Marthi Harmse

Seconder: Wim Gevers

3. MATTERS ARISING

Matters that need to be discussed have been included in this agenda.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- See attached report.
- E-mail addresses of members are currently being gathered. In future much more use will be made of e-mail to contact members and send out information.
- Delegates are encouraged to submit their papers for publication in ORiON. Rob van den Honert and Jan van Vuuren could be contacted for advice.
- Wim Gevers thanked the president on behalf of ORSSA for his effort and the report.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Incorporated in president's report. Will be published in the next newsletter.

6. EDITORS' REPORT

6.1 Newsletter

- Three editions are planned for the new year.
- Thanks and congratulations to Kathryn Koch and Heather Tarr for the three high quality editions published on time this year.

6.2 ORiON

Volume 15 (1999) will be sent out soon. Volume 16 (2000), a special issue on Reliability edited by Frank Beichelt, should appear early in 2001. Volume 17 (2001) should also be sent out in 2001.

7. CHAPTER REPORTS

7.1 JOHANNESBURG

Dave Evans sent apologies for not being present at the AGM and for not arranging chapter meetings during the past year. He asks for a volunteer to help him resuscitate the chapter.

7.2 PRETORIA

A seminar on Group Decision Support was held in May and one on Energy Modelling and Forecasting in September. A year-end function is planned with the Johannesburg chapter.

7.3 KWAZULU-NATAL

One meeting was held in Pietermaritzburg. Contact has been lost with the Durban members.

7.4 VAAL TRIANGLE

Apologies were received from Anne-Marie Pothas. No meetings were held last year.

7.5 WESTERN CAPE

Jan van Vuuren again organised a series of seminars. A workshop on simulation was also held. A workshop on project management and scheduling is being organised by Elmari du Toit for 29 September.

8. ICORD 2001

- Date: 16 – 18 May 2001

- Venue: Berg-en-Dal camp, Kruger National Park
- Hans Ittmann will need assistance with the arrangements.
- It is an opportunity to show the rest of Africa what we've done in OR and to show the international community that we can host an international conference.
- Need to get sponsorship for the conference and some of the delegates – if anyone has contacts please let Hans know. Also contacts in Africa who might want to attend or through whom to advertise.

9. EURO REPORT

- Theo Stewart submitted a proposal for a large contribution towards ICORD 2001, which has been refused, but has been asked to resubmit a more modest proposal.
- Euro 2001 will be held in Rotterdam.
- In 2002 there is a joint IFORS/EURO in Edinburgh.
- We have been asked to consider hosting a EURO in SA – the Exec will consider preparing a proposal for 2004.
- EURO is establishing a new high profile prize, which will focus on a particular theme every year. The prize is called the Management Science Strategic Innovation Prize, to be awarded at each EURO meeting starting from 2003. SAP AG are sponsoring the prize for the first 5 years. Each year will have a different theme, to be announced approximately 3 years in advance. (although the announcement of the theme for 2003 will probably only be made in January 2001).

10. IFORS REPORT

In Paul Fatti's absence, Philip reports that we have been paying our dues and returning our annual reports. The names of the ORSSA Exec have been included on the IFORS webpage.

11. ORSSA 2001

Volunteers were asked for hosting ORSSA 2001. It will probably be a one-day meeting, possibly focussing on a single theme and with invited tutorials. Marthi Harmse will consult with the Vaal Triangle Chapter.

12. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2000/2001

- The president, Philip Fourie, has one more year of office
- In addition, the following members were elected:

Vice-President	Rob van den Honert
Secretary:	Esbeth van Dyk
Treasurer:	Stephan Visagie
Newsletter editor:	Kathryn Koch assisted by Heather Tarr
ORiON editor:	Paul Fatti
Additional members:	Jan van Vuuren
	Hans Ittmann
	Stephan Berjak

It was proposed that signing powers on the current and investment accounts of ORSSA should be given to the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, with two out of the four signatures needed for any transaction.

Proposed by Theo Stewart, seconded by Wim Gevers.

13. GENERAL

- A report from the web administrator should be added to the agenda in future.
- Copies of the ORSSA entry in Careers A-Z, prepared by Leanne Scott, are obtainable from the secretary. Members are welcome to suggest changes for future entries.
- The secretary thanks Jan van Vuuren for acting on her behalf during her absence and for general support.